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Re: Inspection Needed for Variances, Deficient Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Quality Building Stone, Red Chief Mine, S/015/083 (ML-48109-MP), Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hansen:

Thank you for your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations and \$100 permit fee, received by the Division on October 4, 1999. This notice application is for the proposed Red Chief small mine project, located on State managed lands in the NE1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 16, T19S, R10E, SLBM, Emery County. A copy of your notice was forwarded to the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) for their review.

Your notice proposes quarrying of building stone which will be processed at a plant located off the mine site. No new roads are proposed. Variances from topsoil salvage, seedbed preparation, and reseeded practices are requested on the basis that the project area lacks topsoil and vegetation prior to mining.

This small mine notice does not satisfy the requirements of Rule R647-3 of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Title 40-8, et seq., Utah Code Annotated. **The following information is still required by the Division before this notice can be considered complete:**

Please describe the proposed quarry excavation by providing the proposed length, width and depth of the excavation.

Please describe how any overburden or waste materials will be managed during operations, or used in final reclamation of the quarry excavation.

Please describe the method of quarrying and types of equipment to be used (i.e. drilling and blasting, ripping with a dozer, excavating with a backhoe bucket, etc.).

A documented site inspection performed by Division or SITLA staff is required before any variances can be granted. Ideally, no mining activity should take place until after the existing site conditions have been documented by an inspection. Variances which are granted by the Division are

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subject to acceptance by the SITLA who will have the final jurisdiction regarding reclamation on SITLA managed lands.

Approval of mineral exploration or mining operations by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining does not constitute approval to commence operations upon lands under state mineral leases/school sections administered by the SITLA. Before conducting mining operations on these lands, the operator must provide written notification, meet bonding requirements, and obtain written approval from the appropriate agency. SITLA can be reached at: 675 East 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84102; phone number (801) 538-5100.

A Memorandum of Understanding between this Division and the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requires us to notify them upon receipt of a mining application. If you haven't already done so, you are advised to contact their office prior to starting your small mining operation to determine whether additional permits and/or approvals are required. We have forwarded a copy of your notice to the DEQ for their review. Their address and phone number is: Department of Environmental Quality, 288 North 1460 West, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84116, (801) 538-6146.

The Division will suspend review of your small mine notice and await your response to this review letter. In reply, please refer to Division file number S/015/083. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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Senior Reclamation Specialist

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cc: John Blake, SITLA (ML48109-MP)
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